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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

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Vehicle strikes pedestrian in Los Angeles crosswalk

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Pedestrian/Crosswalk

NO COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Salcedo v. Valverde, Trial type: Settlement. Settlement date: 3/14/2011.

SETTLEMENT: \$100,000

The policy limits were ultimately tendered in settlement of the claim.

COUNSEL

Plaintiff: Scott J. Corwin, Scott J. Corwin, A Professional Law Corporation, Los Angeles.
Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On January 21, 2011, plaintiff Luz Salcedo, a 72-year-old retired woman, was walking south on Eucalyptus Avenue and was walking in the crosswalk crossing Broadway Avenue. Defendant Oscar Valverde, who was driving a 2001 Mercedes south on Eucalyptus Avenue, attempted to make a left turn on Broadway and hit plaintiff in the crosswalk, knocking her to the ground, where she hit her head.

The intersection was a four-way stop sign. Plaintiff was transported by ambulance to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and hospitalized for three days. The accident occurred in the city of Hawthorne.

Plaintiff alleged that defendant Valverde was negligent in the operation of his vehicle and that all of plaintiff's claimed injuries were a direct result of negligence.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Head injury requiring 15 stitches; right forearm sprain injury; cervical and lumbar strain and sprain injuries that were treated conservatively in physical therapy.

Because of ongoing symptoms, plaintiff underwent cervical and lumbar MRI studies, that revealed disc protrusions at C3-C4, C5-C6, and C6-C7, L3-L4, L4-L5, and L5-S1.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$42,100 medical.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff demanded defendant Valverde's \$100,000 policy.

EXPERTS

None

COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The insurer was the Automobile Club; the adjuster was John Casebier.

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